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# Land Grant Application- Collins, Benjamin (Vassalboro)

Benjamin Collins

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**KNOW ALL MEN** That I, *Benjamin Collins* named in the foregoing Power and Affidavit, do hereby constitute, appoint and make ROBERT C. VOSE, of AUGUSTA, in the County of Kennebec, my Attorney irrevocable, for me and in my name and stead to bargain for, sell, dispose of and transfer to any person, and upon such terms as he may think best, the Certificate which he may obtain for me of the Land Agent, and of my right and interest in and to the Land to which I shall be entitled in virtue thereof and of the Resolve aforesaid. And in case my said Attorney shall not sell or transfer such certificate before the Land shall be surveyed and laid out into lots as provided in said Resolve, and ready for selection and conveyance, I further hereby authorize and empower my said Attorney to represent me before the Land Agent, and for me and in my stead to select and make choice of the lot of Land to which I am entitled, and to receive from the Land Agent a Deed and Conveyance thereof to me in fee, and after having obtained such Deed and Conveyance, I hereby further authorize and empower my said Attorney to sell and dispose of such lot of Land on such terms and conditions as he may think proper, and for me and in my name and stead to make, execute and deliver a Deed and Conveyance thereof to the purchaser, as fully as I could do if present. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney may do for me in the premises,

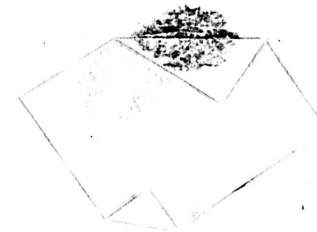
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this *twenty fourth* day of *September* A. D. 1835.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

IN PRESENCE OF

*G. W. Morton*  
*David Jewett*

*Benj<sup>n</sup> Collins*



**STATE OF MAINE.**

KENNEBEC ss. *September 24 . 1835*

The aforesaid *Benjamin Collins* appeared and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be *his* free act and deed.

BEFORE ME,

*Geo. W. Morton*

Justice of the Peace.

Benj<sup>r</sup> Collins 4/3

Rec<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 13. 1835.

Admitted, & certificate  
No. 158. of<sup>d</sup> Oct. 22. 1835.

Oct. 22. 1835, Rec<sup>d</sup> Certificate  
No. 158. for Benj<sup>r</sup> Collins,  
Robert C. Vose

R. C. Vose

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and Year last above mentioned.

to be his free act and deed.

above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by him signed,

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Justice of the Peace

IN PRESENCE OF  
SIGNED, SEALED  
and seal this

day of

A. D. 183

Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand

hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute

deceased Officers and Soldiers, to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is

Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the

as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 13, 1835, entitled a

Authority for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate

was made, do hereby constitute and appoint ROBERT C. VOSE, of Augusta, my true and lawful

and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration

of

in the County of

THAT I

I Benjamin Collins of St. Albans in the County of Somerset and State of Maine, aged Sixty seven years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I enlisted into Michael Jackson's Regiment for three years or during war and actually served in said Regiment for more than three years when I was honourably discharged in June 1783 and am now upon the U. States pension roll of the Maine Agency

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of the town of Salisbury. Mass

and was on the 17th day of March, 1835, have been ever since, and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in St. Albans aforesaid, where I have resided for five years past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

Benj<sup>n</sup> Collins

STATE OF MAINE.

Witness ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this twenty eight day of March 1835  
BEFORE ME,

G. W. Morton

Justice of the Peace.

**Know all Men by these Presents, That I**

*Benjamin Collins* of *St Albans* in the County of  
*Somerset* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration  
was made, do hereby constitute and appoint ROBERT C. VOSE, of AUGUSTA, my true and lawful  
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate  
as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a  
"Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the  
deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is  
hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute  
such receipt or acknowledgement therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand  
and seal this *twenty eight* day of *March* A. D. 183*5*

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

*Geo. Morten*

*Benj<sup>a</sup> Collins*

**STATE OF MAINE.**

*Remond* ss.

Be it Known, that on this *twenty eight* day of *March* 183*5*,  
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Benjamin*  
*Collins* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by him signed,  
to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

*Geo. Morten*

Justice of the Peace.



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Benja Collins.

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Lot No. 49 in Letter D.  
drawn June 1. 1836 &  
conveyed to G. M. Morton  
assignee June 15. 1838

Recd a deed of the above  
named lot

G. M. Morton

STATE OF MAINE.

N<sup>o</sup> 158.

LAND OFFICE,  
Augusta, Oct. 22. 1835.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That Benjamin Collins  
of St. Albans in the County of Somerset,  
by declaration sworn to on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March last,  
(See claim N<sup>o</sup> 413.)  
and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved his claim  
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers  
of the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and  
soldiers," approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "the lawful  
holder" of this certificate is entitled, under said Resolve, to TWO  
HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.

Land Agent of Maine.

Exam'd, & countersigned,  
Mr. Mead

Know all men that the within <sup>named</sup> Benjamin Collins by  
Robert C. Vore his Attorney for and in consideration  
of ~~the sum of~~ dollars to me paid by George W. Morton  
do hereby, sell, convey, transfer and assign to the said  
Morton his heirs and assigns all my right, title, interest  
and claim in and to the within certificate and in &  
to the land to which I am entitled in virtue thereof  
and hereby authorize the said Morton his heirs &  
assigns to represent me before the land agent and to  
select and make choice of the lot to which I am  
entitled and to receive to himself or his assigns a deed  
thereof in his own or his assigns name instead of mine  
and on receipt thereof to sign and execute any discharge  
to the state or to the land agent which may be required  
In testimony whereof the said Benjamin Collins by the said  
Vore his Attorney hereunto sets his hand & seal the  
25th day of October A.D. 1835

Signed, sealed & delivered

in presence of  
Mr. Noont

Robert C. Vore

State of Maine

County of Kennebec p. Oct. 26, 1835,

Robert C. Vore acknowledged the foregoing to be the  
free act and deed of the said Benjamin Collins.  
Before me

Mr. Noont

Justice of the Peace



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I Benjamin Collins, aged fifty one years, born in Ringtown, New Hampshire, but now of Vassalboro' in the District of Maine, upon oath testify and declare, that in May or June 1780 I enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental service for during the War into the Company Commanded by Captain Smith, and Regt. Commanded by Col. Michael Jackson of the 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass<sup>y</sup> Line. I served in the Army from my enlistment, through the war, and took my honorable discharge therefrom in June or July 1783. at West Point. The during the war's men being settled to an hundred acres of land - this right I sold to M<sup>r</sup> Hunt of Newburyport who took my written discharge to authenticate my claim, and promised to return it to me - I have never seen that man or the discharge since. My principal station was at and near West Point, and I was in battle in a detached party at Fort Mifflin. I am indigent & in need of the bounty of the government. I do hereby relinquish all my claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any, I am not prone to any pension at whatever, and I request to be put on the pension list for the District of Maine.

(Signed) Benj<sup>y</sup> Collins

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Kennebec. Co. On the thirtieth day of March. A.D. 1818. Benjamin Collins within named, after having been carefully examined, made oath to the within declaration by him submitted. Before me - Nathan Wither Jr Chief Justice. C.

Court. Sen. Pleas. Second Eastern Circuit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary's Department July 6. 1818. By this I certify, that it appears by public, official documents remaining in this Department, that Benj<sup>y</sup> Collins served as a soldier in Captain Tamm's Company, and Colonel M. Jackson's Regiment, (being one of the Regiments in the Mass<sup>y</sup> Line, and as the Continental establishment,) in the American Army in the War of the Revolution from February 1. 1780 to Dec. 31. 1780, being 11 months, & during war - Elden Bradford

Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I hereby certify that the foregoing page is truly copied from the original on file in the Pension Office, War Department; and I do further certify

That it appears from a Register of Final Settlement. Certificate issued to Colonel Michael Jackson's Regiment, Massachusetts Line, by John Pierce Esq Pay Master General, and Commissioner of the Army, accounts of the United States, deposited in said Office, that Benjamin Collins received a Certificate dated March 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 for \$80. due November 4. 1783. being the amount of gratuity awarded to those who entered the service for during the war, and served faithfully to the end thereof.

Benjamin L. Beale.

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1835.

I certify, that Benjamin L. Beale, who is employed by the State Agent of the State of Maine under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the Governor on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents and records, has made a full and examination in the case of Benjamin Collins, in the Books and Papers of said Office with allow. Dated at the Pension Office, War Department the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

J. L. Edwards,

Commissioner of Pensions.